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SUBJ: UN BUDGET QUESTIONS AND POSSIBLE CONNECTION WITH ICAO

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1. QUESTION OF JAPANESE MEMBERSHIP ON ACABQ DISCUSSED BY STOTTLEMYER WITH COUNSELLOR OHTAKA FOLLOWING ICAO EXTRAORDINARY ASSEMBLY MTG IN NY. OHTAKA IN NO WAY DREW ANY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN QUESTION OF GOJ SEAT ON ACABQ AND GOJ SUPPORT OF OUR 25 PER CENT RES IN ICAO ASSEMBLY. SUBSTANCE OF OHTAKA/ STOTTLEMYER CONVERSATION IS AS FOLLOWS:

" IN RAISING QUESTION OF GOJ ASSUMING MEMBERSHIP ON ACABQ, OHTAKA PREFACED HIS COMMENTS WITH REMARK THAT ACABQ MEMBERSHIP AND \$10 MILLION VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION WERE RELATED AND REFLECTED JAPANESE DESIRE TO ASSUME MORE PROMINENT ROLE IN UN. HE SAID JAPANESE MEMBER ATTENDING GENEVA GROUP CONSULTATIVE LEVEL MTG THIS WEEK (MAR 5) WAS INSTRUCTED TO RAISE PRIVATELY WITH US DEL QUESTION OF ACABQ MEMBERSHIP FOR OUR REACTION. SAYING TOKYO'S THINKING WAS TO INCREASE ACABQ FROM THIRTEEN TO FOURTEEN MEMBERS AND NO MORE, OHTAKA ASKED MISOFF, S MEMBER OF ACABQ, FOR HIS REACTION. SAYING HE COULD SPEAK ONLY PERSONALLY SINCE NO DECISION HAD

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BEEN TAKEN WITHIN USG ON QUESTION, ALTHOUGH MATTER HAD BEEN REPORTED TO WASHINGTON BY AMEMBASSY TOKYO, MISOFF ASKED WHETHER JAPANESE HAD

DISMISSEE IDEA OF FILLING VACANCY ON ACABQ OF ONE OF TWO ASIAN
MEMBERS WHEN VACANCY OCCURRED. OHTAKA REPLIED THIS WAS NOT TOKYO'S
CURRENT THINKING: RATHER, THEY WANTED TO EXPAND COMITE BY ONE
MEMBER IN ORDER FOR JAPAN TO OBTAIN A PERMANENT SEAT. MISOFF THEN
POINTED OUT THAT, IF SIZE OF ACABQ RAISED PUBLICLY, IT PROBABLY
WOULD RESULT IN INCREASING COMITE BY GREATER NUMBER BECAUSE OTHER
REGIONS (E. G., AFRICA) WOULD ATTEMPT TO INCREASE THEIR REPS.
AFTER DISCUSSING THIS POSSIBILITY AT LENGTH, OHTAKA AGREED RESULT
MIGHT BE DETRIMENTAL TO USEFULNESS OF COMITE IN FUTURE. OHTAKA SAID
HE INTENDED TO REPORT DISCUSSION TO TOKYO AND POINT OUT POTENTIAL
DANGER IN GOJ RAISING ISSUE. OHTAKA ADDED THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED
SUBJ WITH CANADIANS, WHO DRAW SAME CONCLUSION AS MISOFF.
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